



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Higher Education
Member since October 2009

Management and Leadership

Environmental Team

Our environmental team membership includes students, staff, and faculty. Meetings are quarterly and the group is charged to promote the use of environmentally sound management practices campus wide.

Environmentally Preferable Procurement

University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) buys products that are Energy Star compliant.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

UMES has hosted Earth Day activities in conjunction with the community.

Waste

Recycling

We recycle all eligible materials and have met the state required recycling rate. Last year, UMES recycled 681 tons of material. This included 27 tons of aluminum cans, 120 tons of steel cans, 78 tons of cardboard, 100 tons of mixed paper, 3.1 tons of plastic, 90 tons of electronic equipment, 2 tons of tires, and 1 ton of lead batteries for a combined recycling rate of 32%.

Energy

Renewable Energy

We have installed a geothermal system for the dormitories in Wicomico and are aiming to cut our energy bill in half. We have also completed a study looking at using oils from our dining hall to make biodiesel fuel for farm equipment and have initiated a plan for a 2 MW solar panel installation. Construction will take place in summer 2010.

Transportation

Fleet Vehicles

We are purchasing hybrid or flex fueled vehicles to reduce the university carbon foot print. UMES has purchased one flex fueled vehicle, a 2009 Expedition.

Water

Water Conservation

UMES implemented a drip emitter system to water flower beds. In addition, grass is cut to 3 ½ inches high to conserve water. All faucets campus wide are repaired to conserve water.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

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